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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

# I. Timeliness, Fees and Certifications in lieu of Fees

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, or within three months of entry into the national stage, or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), consideration of this information disclosure statement does not require a fee or a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e). However, should the Assistant Commissioner determine that a fee is, in fact, due, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

# II. Copies of Listed References

Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being supplied.

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#### III. Concise Statement of Relevance

A concise statement of the relevance of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are *not in the English language*, is being provided on a separate sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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